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YEARS AGO, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MILES MORALES WAS BITTEN BY A GENETICALLY ALTERED SPIDER AND GAINED INCREDIBLE ARACHNID-LIKE ABILITIES: THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER, ADHESIVE FINGERS AND TOES, THE POWER TO DIRECT A BIO-ELECTRIC CHARGE LIKE A STING, TO CAMOUFLAGE HIMSELF TO THE POINT OF INVISIBILITY, AND TO DETECT APPROACHING DANGER USING HIS PRECOGNITIVE "SPIDER-SENSE." HE HID THESE ABILITIES AT FIRST, UNTIL A HERO INSPIRED HIM TO USE THEM TO TRY TO MAKE THE WORLD MORE JUST.

PART UNDEAD SERIAL KILLER, PART ALIEN GOD–CARNAGE HAS RETURNED. FOR YEARS, EVERY KLYNTAR SYMBIOTE THAT BONDED WITH AN EARTHLING LEFT A GENETIC REMNANT–A "CODEX"–BEHIND. CARNAGE INTENDS TO TAKE THEM ALL.

WHILE TRYING TO PROTECT A MAN WITH A CODEX FROM AN ARMY OF RAVENCROFT INMATES UNDER CARNAGE'S CONTROL, SPIDER-MAN WAS OVERWHELMED. NOW PART OF THE RED FAMILY, MILES WAS DISPATCHED WITH ANOTHER MAN UNDER CARNAGE'S POWER, THE MURDERER HAPPY DAN, TO KILL J. JONAH JAMESON. J.J. WAS IN A MEETING AT VULPE COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS, GUARDED BY SILVER SABLE, AND AS HAPPY DAN AND MILES' BODY FOUGHT SABLE, MILES' MIND REBELLED. HE'D NEARLY BROKEN FREE WHEN THE CARNAGE SLUDGE PUPPETEERING HIM TOOK OVER, AND MILES SUNK HIS FANGS INTO JAMESON.

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THE WEAK SPIRIT THAT HELD THIS FLESH STILL STRUGGLES.
NO KILL!
IT RECOILS FROM OUR BEAUTIFUL WORK.
Y-YOU'RE STRUGGLING... YOU...D-DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS.
THE WEAK SPIRIT LISTENS TO MEWLING LIES.
WE MUST CRUSH IT WITH THE WEIGHT OF OUR FATHER'S TRUTH.
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WE MUST SMOTHER IT WITH INEVITABILITY OF KNULL.
NO! I WON'T DO THIS!

I WON'T!
ZZZZZZ
ARRRRRGH! GET. OUT. OF. MY. BODY!
NNNN

YOU'RE BLEEDING, JONAH.
GEE, YOU THINK? GET ME TO A HOSPITAL!
CAREFUL. I DON'T WORK FOR YOU, BUT SINCE YOU'RE A GUEST OF VULPE COMMUNICATIONS IT'S PART OF MY CONTRACT TO MAKE SURE YOU STAY ALIVE. COME ON.
UNNNH

KILL?

NO! NO KILL! LOOK! I'M FREE OF THAT THING! WE CAN GET RID OF YOURS, TOO! WE JUST--
FREE?!

NOT FAIR!
NOT FAIR!
UNNNHH!

LOOK, MAN, YOU CAN FIGHT THAT THING INSIDE YOU! KICK IT OUT!
CR-SPLASSSSSH
KILL!
NOT TODAY!

THANK GOODNESS NO ONE'S UP HERE TO GET HURT.
I TRY TO VENOM-BLAST HAPPY DAN, BUT MY HEAD IS STILL MESSED UP.
SO IT'S DOWN TO A FISTFIGHT.
ONLY HE'S GOT MORE FISTS.
HAPPY DAN! I BROKE OUT OF THIS, YOU CAN, TOO. BE YOUR OWN UH...PSYCHO KILLER.

THAT'LL STOP THE BLEEDING. YOU STAY HERE WHILE I MAKE SURE IT'S SAFE AHEAD.
GOTTA SAY-- YOU'RE DAMN GOOD AT THIS, SISTER. YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WORKING AS A PERSONAL BODYGUARD?
YOU COULDN'T AFFORD ME, MISTER JAMESON. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
HELL, SHE'S PROBABLY RIGHT.
I PROBABLY-- URK!
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THAT THING CARNAGE PUT INSIDE YOU ISN'T YOU!
YOU MIGHT BE A KILLER, BUT YOU'RE YOUR OWN PERSON. YOU HEAR WHAT I'M SAYING?
NO KILL?
NO KILL NO KILL NO KILL
THAT'S IT... THAT'S IT, JUST--
HISSSSSSSSS!
NO!
UNHH--
WHAM
NO! ANOTHER ONE?!
NO!
KILLLL

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I'D LOVE TO WHUP YOUR UGLY BEHIND, BUT I GOTTA SAVE A LIFE.
HISSSSS?

HAPPY DAN?

ALIVE. THAT'S GOOD, EVEN IF THE GUY IS A MASS MURDERER.

THAT OTHER MONSTER'S NOT CHASING US. WHERE THE HECK DID IT GO?

THWIP
THWIP
HAPPY DAN'LL KEEP HERE 'TIL THE COPS ARRIVE. I NEED TO FIND THAT THING BEFORE IT HURTS ANYONE ELSE.

I FOLLOW A TRAIL OF WRECKAGE AND SCREAMING AND CATCH UP WITH IT IN SOHO. IT'S HEADED DOWNTOWN, BACK TOWARD CARNAGE'S BASE.
HEY! OVER HERE!
KILLL LLLLLLLL LLLLLLL
COME ON AND TRY IT, THEN.
WHUMP

THIS THING IS TRYING TO REACH CARNAGE, LOOKING TO ADD ITS STRENGTH TO HIS.
IT'S DRAGGING A MAN'S BODY WITH IT.
AND IF IT CAN'T REACH CARNAGE, IT'LL JUST HURT WHOEVER IT CAN.
KILL!
KID, LOOK OUT!

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GOT YOU NOW!
NOW JUST HOLD STILL WHILE I...
BZZZZZZZZ
ARRRRRRGGGHHHHH!
:HUFF: :PUFF: I THINK THAT DID IT.

YOU OKAY, SPIDER-MAN?
I'M :HUFF: GOOD. SORRY ABOUT YOUR :PUFF: SHOP. ONLY WAY TO SAVE THAT KID.
INSURANCE WILL COVER IT. I SAW ON TWITTER THESE MONSTERS KILLED SOME PEOPLE. YOU SAVED THAT KID. PROBABLY SAVED ME.
GONNA HAVE TO GET RID OF THESE SHOES, THOUGH. MY CUSTOMERS ONLY DO MINT CONDITION. YOU, UH, WANT SOME SNEAKERS?
THOSE RED ATHENA SKY 6'S ARE FIRE. BUT I CAN'T TAKE REWARDS--
NOT A REWARD. A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION. LIKE THE KEY TO THE CITY. FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR NEW YORK. I INSIST.
SLLLLPPP
WHOA. IT'S STILL ALIVE!
I HAVE TO STOP THAT THING BEFORE IT GOES AFTER ANYONE ELSE! PLEASE CALL THIS MAN AN AMBULANCE!
YOU GOT IT. AND I'M HOLDING THESE KICKS FOR YOU, SPIDER-MAN!
SLLLLPPP

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Every time one of our sagacious super-heroes guest-stars in another mag we get bombarded with the same type of complaints from Marveldom Assembled! "How can Thor be fighting litterbugs with Nick Fury when he's in outer space with Winken, Blinken, and Nod in his own mag?" Or "How can Captain America be trapped by Aunt May in Spidey's mag when he's running a school for teen-age dropouts in his own swingin' stanza?" So, we have two choices. Either we stop crossover guest-starring, or we ask you to permit us a little literary license. If the doings of one of our repertory players in his own mag doesn't seem to jibe with his cameo appearance in some other mag during the same month, let's just say that one story took place a few days before, or after the other, and let it go at that, huh? Anyway, we'll try it for a while and see how it shakes you! (And, if the aforementioned has in any way confused you — welcome to the club!)

Excelsior!

Smiley

since moving out there, Jolly JACK KIRBY has been working faster than ever and is actually getting ahead of his super-human schedule! This means he may have time to handle still another mag within the next year. So here's your chance to sound off again, faithful one! Which strip is most worthy of the Master's touch? Should we finally launch the INHUMANS? DR. DOOM? KA-ZAR? Or, do you have some other oldie or newie you'd like him to bring to life? Sock it to us, sweetie, and we'll let you know how the mail keeps coming in!

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